

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
116 Bragg Street (House)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 116 Bragg Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 116 Bragg Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story square building with a steeply-pitched hipped roof with a gable-roof dormer projecting from the front of the roof. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingles, and the building has a rock-face concrete block foundation, an enclosed front porch, and small enclosures on the rear wall; one for storage and the other covering the rear entry. The building measures 23 feet on the front and back walls, and 27 feet on the side walls. The house is covered with clapboard siding. The windows are single-light double-hung sashes decorated with thin cornice lintels. The windows in the front porch are the same. (See photographs WI-323-F-1, WI-323-F-2, and WI-323-F-3)

A wood panel and glass entry door leads to the interior of the cottage. The front interior is divided between a living room and a bedroom, separated by a hallway. Behind the living room is another living room that might have originally been a dining room. Behind the bedroom is a kitchen and small bathroom. The kitchen cabinets have plain painted wooden doors and drawer fronts with simple metal hardware. The flooring is oak and is carpeted in the living rooms and bedroom and is covered with linoleum in the kitchen. The wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges. The trim around the doors and windows consists of grooved moldings connected with bulls-eye corner blocks. The trim is painted. (See photograph WI-323-F-4) There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the kitchen, toilet, and bathroom. The cottage is current occupied by a single resident.

History: This cottage was built around 1915. There are no plans or drawings that indicate it was designed by an architect; rather, it was simply a vernacular, functional cottage plan used for married couple housing at the Veterans Home. This cottage is somewhat unusual because it is the only one of its kind on the home grounds, and it has more interior details than other cottages. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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